

California Transportation Stakeholders:

Thank you for participating in our efforts to develop a California Statewide Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Consensus Principles platform.

Last week, the U.S. Congress enacted another extension of funding for programs under the most recent multi-year Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). While this extension expires October 29, 2015, it is possible that the U.S. Congress will enact additional MAP-21 extensions through the end of 2015 before it enacts multi-year surface transportation funding and policy legislation

Additionally, the U.S. Senate approved a multi-year surface transportation reauthorization proposal, the Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act (the “DRIVE Act”), a six-year authorization of surface transportation programs containing revenue to support only three years of funding for those programs. Moreover, the U.S. House of Representatives has not yet introduced a multi-year proposal. We expect the Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization process to gain momentum this fall as deliberations over policy and long-term funding between the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Administration intensify.

Attached is the California Statewide Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Consensus Principles, which incorporate core Federal transportation priorities that I outlined in my letter to the California U.S. Congressional Delegation, dated January 12, 2015, including:

- A long-term (4 to 6 year) reauthorization bill
- An overall increase in Federal transportation investment and national policy leadership and support for a “fix-it-first” philosophy
- Dedicated, sustainable funding for a freight/goods movement program
- Federal incentives and support to advance sustainability and climate preparedness efforts.

Additionally, the California Statewide Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Consensus Principles incorporate California stakeholder comments that were received during two statewide conference calls I hosted this summer, in which over 110 participants statewide called in, as well as written follow up comments that we received after those calls. This document also contains several good transportation policy suggestions that will benefit California, Members of Congress should consider, and that I believe we should all support.

I ask you to send an e-mail declaring your support of the California Statewide Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Consensus Principles to

Map21.reauthorization@dot.ca.gov by COB, Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Please provide the full name of your organization in the e-mail.

Thank you, and I look forward to working with all of you.

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